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President:	Mr. Amorim	(Brazil)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Petrella
	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Canada	Mr. Duval
	China	Mr. Qin Huasun
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Gabon	Mr. Dangue Réwaka
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Malaysia	Mr. Hasmy
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. van Walsum
	Russian Federation	Mr. Lavrov
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

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The meeting was called to order at 1.20 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The President: I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Eritrea and Ethiopia, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In the light of the understanding reached in the course of the Council's prior consultations that there will be no statements made during the meeting, the representative of Eritrea has withdrawn his request for participation. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite the representative of Ethiopia to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Tessema (Ethiopia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them document S/1999/90, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to the following documents: S/1999/32 and S/1999/43, letters dated 12 and 15 January 1999, respectively, from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council; S/1999/34, letter dated 11 January 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General; S/1999/36 and S/1999/70, letters dated 13 and 25 January 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations and from the Chargé d'affaires *ad interim* of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations, respectively, addressed to the President of the Security Council; and S/1999/63, letter dated 18 January 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia issued on 15 January 1999.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/90) before it. If I hear no objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Gabon, Gambia, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1226 (1999).

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.